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TAGS: OVIP, SF (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)

SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S VISIT: MRS. KISSINGER'S PROGRAM

1. AMBASSADOR R.F. BOTHA ASKED ME TO COME TO DFA THIS EVENING TO DISCUSS PROGRAMING. HE EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER LACK OF PLANNING FOR MRS. KISSINGER'S VISIT AND SAID THAT HE FELT CONFIDENT, ON BASIS OF CONVERSATIONS WITH SECRETARY AND UNDER SECRETARY ROGERS, IN PROCEEDING WITH CONTINGENCY PLANNING. HE DESCRIBED THIS AS:

A) VISIT TO DIAMOND CUTTING FACILITY IN JOHANNESBURG ON SATURDAY MORNING SEPT 18.

B) TRIP TO CAPE TOWN ON NOON SAA COMMERCIAL FLIGHT THAT SAME DAY.

C) VISIT TO STELLENBOSCH UNIVERSITY, TEA AT LANZERAC RESTAURANT AND TOUR OF ONE OR TWO WINERIES BEFORE PROCEEDING TO HOTEL IN CAPE TOWN.

D) OVERNIGHT AT PRESIDENT HOTEL IN SEA POINT WITH POSSIBILITY OF ATTENDING OPERA AT NICO MALAN THAT NIGHT.

E) ON SUNDAY, SEPT 19 MOTOR TOUR OF CAPE PENINSULA AND VISIT TO PM'S RESIDENCE IN CAPE TOWN BEFORE BOARDING EARLY AFTERNOON PLANE BACK TO JOHANNESBURG.

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WM BOTHA SAID HE PLANNED TO USE TRUSTED CONTACTS SUCH AS INDUSTRIALIST ANTON RUPERT TO MAKE RESERVATIONS SO AS TO AVOID CALLING ATTENTION TO PREPARATIONS.

3. BOTHA ASKED FOR MY VIEWS ON PROGRAM, NOTING HE HAD SEEN MY PERSONAL SUGGESTIONS (PRETORIA 4094) WHILE IN WASHINGTON. I TOLD HIM I WAS UNINSTRUCTED ON MATTER AND COULD OFFER NO RPT NO OPINION OTHER THAN THAT HIS SCHEDULING SEEMED OVERLY AMBITIOUS FOR TIME AVAILABLE, ESPECIALLY SATURDAY AFTERNOON PROGRAM.

4. REQUEST GUIDANCE ON WHETHER I SHOULD ENCOURAGE OR DISCOURAGE THIS PLANNING. DOES MRS. KISSINGER WANT DFA (BOTHA AND ASSOCIATES) OR EMBASSY TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS? TRIP TO STELLENBOSCH IS GOOD ALTERNATIVE TO TOUR OF DOWNTOWN CAPE TOWN COLONIAL SITES IF SECURITY SITUATION IN TOWN IS PROBLEMATIC. HOWEVER, VISITING STELLENBOSCH UNIVERSITY, HAVING TEA AND TOURING WINERIES IS A BIT MUCH IN THE FOUR DAYLIGHT HOURS AVAILABLE FOLLOWING ARRIVAL IN CAPE TOWN. EITHER CALL AT UNIVERSITY AND TEA OR VISIT TO WINERIES FEASIBLE BUT NOT RPT NOT BOTH. MORE TIME COULD ALSO BE ALLOTTED FOR MORE RELAXED AND ENJOYABLE TOUR OF CAPE PENINSULA ON SUNDAY IF SECRETARY DOES NOT DEPART UNTIL MONDAY, SEPT 20.

5. TIME IS RUNNING SHORT ON SETTING UP SATURDAY VISIT TO DIAMOND CUTTING ESTABLISHMENT AND MAKING FLIGHT RESERVATIONS. I RECOMMEND THESE ITEMS BE HANDLED WITHOUT DELAY IF MRS. KISSINGER WANTS TO FOLLOW THROUGH WITH PROGRAM DESCRIBED ABOVE. PLEASE ADVISE.
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